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REMARKS

Claim 26 is the only claim presently pending in the application. Claims 1-12, 14-25 and 27-28 have been canceled.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant notes that claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 26, the only claim presently pending in the application, is patentably distinct over the prior art of record and is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that the foregoing was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner James Blackwell, Group Art Unit #2176 at fax number 571-273-8300 this 4th day of August, 2006.

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